

Amendments to the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

In one preferred embodiment of this invention, frame assembly 55 comprises at least one bracket 30. Brackets 30 are preferably used to support a load of luggage rack 45 and, more specifically, support top plates 40 that, in turn, support the load. In a preferred embodiment of this invention, shown in Fig. 1, frame assembly 55 preferably comprises two brackets 30, each preferably comprising bracket side edge 170, bracket upper edge 180, one or more side threaded apertures 60 within bracket side edge 170 and one or more upper threaded apertures 70 within bracket upper edge 180. The at least one upper threaded aperture 70 and/or the at least one side threaded aperture 60 may be lined with stainless steel wire insert 196. In one preferred embodiment of this invention, shown in Fig. 1, brackets 30 are preferably removably attached with respect to lock plate 20. Brackets 30 are preferably removably secured to lock plate 20 with elongated fasteners 50 extending from lock plate 20 as shown in Fig. 1. Elongated fasteners 50 are preferably tightened into side threaded apertures 60 within bracket side edges 170 of brackets 30. Brackets 30, when attached to lock plate 20, preferably extend away from seat 75 of the

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motorcycle and suspend over rear fender 65 of the motorcycle as shown in Fig. 1.